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**Legislative Analysis**

**Intergovernmental, Recreation and Cultural  
Affairs Committee**

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Written analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

**Item Number(s)**

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## LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

*RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR \$1,135,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT HAULOVER MARINA AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED*

Parks and Recreation Department

### I. SUMMARY

The Resolution ratifies the application for \$1,135,000 in grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District for capital improvement projects at Haulover Marina.

### II. PRESENT SITUATION

The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) was created by the Florida Legislature in 1927. FIND consists of the eleven counties along the east coast of Florida from Duval to Miami-Dade. A partnership exists between the United States and Florida, acting by and through FIND, whereby the United States agrees to construct and maintain the Intracoastal Waterway and FIND agrees to furnish to it, free of cost, the necessary rights-of-way and areas for the deposit of dredged material in connection with the subsequent maintenance of the canal. FIND is an independent special taxing district. The eleven Commissioners, one from each county, are appointed by the Governor for four years.

The Waterway Assistance Program is a state grant program established for the purpose of financially cooperating with local governments to alleviate problems associated with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and associated waterways within FIND. Eligible waterway related projects include navigation channel dredging, channel markers, navigation signs or buoys, boat ramps, docking facilities, fishing and viewing piers, waterfront boardwalks, inlet management, environmental education, law enforcement equipment, boating safety programs, beach re-nourishment, dredge material management, environmental mitigation, and shoreline stabilization.

Eligible local governmental agencies include municipalities, counties, port authorities and special taxing districts within the twelve counties of the District. There may be several applicants from within a county competing for these funds.

FIND is authorized to provide up to 75% for public navigation projects, while all other project categories are eligible for up to 50% funding assistance. Annually FIND allocates approximately \$6.2 million dollars for the program. All financial assistance and support furnished by FIND to member counties and local governments within the districts shall require matching funds. Such matching funds shall be clearly identified and enumerated as to amount and source. Cash, in-kind services and other grant funds may be utilized as the local match. Such financial assistance and support shall not exceed the proportional share of ad valorem tax collections from each county.

### **III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION**

The Resolution ratifies the application for \$1,135,000 in grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District for capital improvement projects at Haulover Marina.

### **IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT**

FIND is authorized to levy up 0.1 mill on property located within each of the eleven counties. Currently, FIND levies 0.0000385 mill, raising an estimated \$19,275,715 for FY 2004-2005, including \$5,438,818 from Miami-Dade County.

Florida law states that financial assistance from the Waterway Assistance Program (and FIND's Cooperative Assistance Program) shall not exceed the proportional share of ad valorem tax collections from each county. Since 1986, Miami-Dade County has received over \$18 million in Waterway Assistance Program project grants from FIND.

### **V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

None.

## LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SERVICE SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES, INC. TO OBTAIN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSIONS AND GIFT AND NOVELTY RETAIL SALES AT METROZOO, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA TO MODIFY THE PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR TERMINATION CONCURRENT WITH COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW CONTRACT NO. 384*

Procurement Management Department

### I. SUMMARY

The Resolution awards the combined Food and Beverage and Gift and Novelty Sales contract at the Metrozoo to Service Systems Associates, who scored highest on both the concession services and retail sales RFPs.

The Resolution also exempts the Zoological Society of Florida, the current vendor for the gifts and novelty concession at the Zoo, from further rental payments, effective as of April 1, 2005.

### II. PRESENT SITUATION

The Zoological Society of Florida has operated the gifts and novelty concession at the Zoo since 1986, with an annual rent of 25% of their sales. The Society has paid \$158,408, \$161,657 and \$141,839 for calendar years 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively.

Food and beverage service is being provided by Toby's Frozen Lemonade under a permit since November 2003, with an annual rent of 25% of their sales. Toby's competed in the RFP for the food and beverage concession contract, but came in third.

### III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The Resolution awards the combined Food and Beverage and Gift and Novelty Sales contract at the Metrozoo to Service Systems Associates. The new rents are based on a combination of a fixed monthly rate of \$4,400 and \$1,555 respectively, plus 15% of their sales. Current vendors pay rents equal to 25% of their sales.

The Resolution also exempts the Zoological Society, from further rental payments for the gifts and novelty concession, effective as of April 1, 2005.

**IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The new rents are based on a combination of a fixed monthly rate of \$4,400 and \$1,555 respectively, plus 15% of their sales. Current vendors pay rents equal to 25% of their sales. For the gift and novelty concession, the Zoological Society has paid \$158,408, \$161,657 and \$141,839 for calendar years 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively.

The Resolution also exempts the Zoological Society, from further rental payments for the gifts and novelty concession, effective as of April 1, 2005.

**V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

The Zoological Society of Florida is the non-profit support organization for the Zoo. Miami-Dade County operates and maintains the Zoo, and the Zoological Society supports several Zoo programs and enhancements.